

**RESOLUTIONS
MEETING 2/24/98**



Beverly L. Hall, Ed.D.
State District Superintendent

The Newark Public Schools
Office of The State District Superintendent
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Leo Klagholz
Commissioner of Education

February 9, 1998

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Mr. William Colon
Executive Director
ASPIRA Inc. of New Jersey
390 Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Colon:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Newark Public Schools it is a pleasure for me to notify you that your agency has been awarded the amount of \$18,000 as our district's 1997-98 contribution to your local cash match for the ASPIRA AmeriCorps Program. The Newark Public Schools recognizes and appreciates the valuable services that your staff and student interns are providing in our SLT IV Schools. It is a high quality educational program that we feel needs to be supported by the Newark Public Schools.

The ASPIRA AmeriCorps Program complements and supports our educational mission by providing valuable services and support to Newark children and parents. Your efforts contribute to the enhanced capacity for our children to perform more effectively academically and thus promote their overall success in school.

We will communicate subsequently with you through Mr. Armando Medina in the Office of Community Development to finalize the necessary process for the disbursement of the grant award.

Sincerely,

Beverly L. Hall, Ed.D.
State District Superintendent

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c. Armando Medina, Special Assistant

L.A. Newark School District

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey had requested financial support from the Newark school district for the ASPIRA/Americorps program , and

WHEREAS, said support is needed as a cash match to this federal grant , and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Hall has responded by authorizing the amount of \$18,000 to support the program through 6/30/98, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby accepts this contribution and directs the Executive Director to respond with an acceptance letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Approved this 24th day of February, 1998, in Newark, New Jersey.

For the Board of Directors

Noemi Velázquez, Chairperson

Amibal Ramos, Secretary

THE MCJ FOUNDATION

310 South Street
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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President

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February 13, 1998

Mr. William Colon
Executive Director
ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey
390 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Colon:

I am pleased to inform you that The MCJ Foundation has approved a grant of \$5,000.00 to ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey for the Math and Science Academy in Newark. The following terms apply to your organization's use of the foundation's grant:

Grant funds will be available beginning March 26, 1998. The grant period is for 12 months.

Payment of the grant funds will be made in full after receipt by the Executive Director of the foundation of a countersigned copy of this letter. To facilitate your receipt of the payment check, please indicate on the countersigned copy the name of the official of your organization to whom the check is to be sent.

Expenditure of this MCJ Foundation grant is restricted to ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey. This grant is made only for the purposes stated in this letter, and it is understood that these grant funds will be used for such purposes substantially in accordance with the approved proposal and budget.

It is also understood that no substantial variances will be made from the budget without the foundation's prior approval in writing. Any grant funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the grant, or within the period stated earlier, will be returned to the foundation.

A written report signed by an appropriate officer of your organization is to be furnished to the Executive Director of the foundation. The MCJ Foundation will now be accepting the NY/NJ Common Report Form, which is attached. We ask that you fill this form out and return it to us at the end of the first six months of the grant period. It is expected that this narrative and financial accounting will be submitted as a single report. Also, please notify the foundation of any significant staff changes.

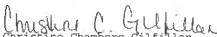
The foundation may monitor and conduct a review of operations under this grant, which may include a visit from foundation personnel to observe your program, discuss the program and finances with your personnel, and review financial and other records and materials connected with the activities financed by the grant.

The foundation will include information on this grant in its periodic public reports. The foundation may also refer to the grant in a press release, of which a copy would be sent to you in advance. If you wish to make your own press announcement of this grant, please consult with the foundation.


If this letter correctly sets forth your understanding of the terms of this grant, will you please indicate your organization's agreement to such terms by having the enclosed original letter countersigned by an appropriate officer of your organization and returned to the Executive Director of the foundation. It is also understood that by countersigning this letter, your organization confirms that there has been no change in its qualification as an organization exempt from income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code or its classification as not a private foundation. If any change occurs, please notify the foundation immediately.

On behalf of the MCJ Foundation, we congratulate you on all the wonderful things ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey has accomplished and wish you and your organization much success with the Math and Science Academy.

Sincerely,


Christine Chambers Gilfillan
Executive Director

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey

By: 
Title: Executive Director

Payment check should be directed to: William Colon, Executive Director
ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey
Address: 390 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

I. B. MCJ Foundation

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey had submitted a proposal to the MCJ Foundation to receive financial support for the MAS Academy in Newark , and

WHEREAS, said support will facilitate and match other support , and

WHEREAS, The MCJ Foundation has responded by approving the amount of \$5,000 to support the creation and work of the MAS Academy in Newark , now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby accepts this contribution and directs the Executive Director to respond with an acceptance letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Approved this 24th day of February, 1998, in Newark, New Jersey.

For the Board of Directors

Noemi Velázquez, Chairperson

Anibal Ramos, Secretary

EXXON RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING COMPANY

P.O. BOX 101, FLORHAM PARK, NEW JERSEY 07532-0101

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February 18, 1998

Mr. William Colón
Executive Director
ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey
390 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Colón:

Thank you for your letter dated January 30, 1998 in which you outlined a proposal for MAS Academy. We have had an opportunity to review the proposed program in detail and our assessment is very positive. Exxon Research and Engineering Company (ER&E) is very supportive of programs geared toward under-represented populations, especially those that encourage math, science and technology curriculums. To demonstrate our support, we are enclosing our check in the amount of \$750.00 for the MAS Academy project.

Please note that because of IRS regulations affecting the deductibility of charitable contributions by multinational corporations such as Exxon, this contribution is intended for use solely within the United States. Also to meet IRS requirements, we need a written acknowledgment of this contribution which must include the amount of cash received, and a statement that ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey has not provided any goods or services in consideration, in whole or part, for any cash or other property received. A receipt form and return envelope are enclosed for this purpose.

We extend our best wishes for the success of MAS Academy along with our check. Please let us know how the project is progressing when you are in a position to do so.

Sincerely,


Charlene K. Kegerrels

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Attachments

c: J. T. Dunn

I. C. Exxon Research and Engineering Company

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey had submitted a proposal to Exxon Research and Engineering Company to receive financial support for the MAS Academy in Newark , and

WHEREAS, said support will facilitate and match other support , and

WHEREAS, The Exxon Company has responded by approving the amount of \$750 to support the creation and work of the MAS Academy in Newark , now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby accepts this contribution and directs the Executive Director to respond with an acceptance letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Approved this 24th day of February, 1998, in Newark, New Jersey.

For the Board of Directors

Noemí Velázquez, Chairperson

Anibal Ramos, Secretary

City of Trenton Department of Housing and Development

Writer's direct dial no.
609-989-_____

Mr. William Colon
Ex. Dir.
Aspira, Inc. of NJ
390 Broad Street, 3rd Floor
Newark, NJ 07104

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February 17, 1998

Re: 1998-99 CDBG Application: the drop-out prevention program.

Dear Mr. Colon;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your organization's application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the drop-out prevention program for the 1998-99 program year has been recommended by the City Administration for a grant of \$3,433. The final grant amount is subject to change based on (1) the outcome of an administrative appeal hearing scheduled for Friday, February 27th that may be made at your request, as described below, and (2) final action to be taken by City Council.

The City of Trenton will again offer a formal appeal procedure for CDBG applicants who feel that the Administration's recommendation to City Council is unreasonable. If you would like to appeal the Administration's recommendation for the funding of your organization, you must first contact Mr. Ollie Green, Div. of Social Services, at 989-3345, to discuss the reasons for the recommendation. If, after you have discussed your proposal with the appropriate staff person, you still want to appeal, you must complete the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible, but no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 to:

Diane Strauss
Department of Housing & Development
Trenton City Hall, 3rd Floor
319 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Phone: (609) 989-3604
Fax: (609) 989-4243

You may mail, fax or hand-deliver your appeal application. Please limit your response to the single page of the appeal application. We will not consider any materials submitted beyond the one page application.

You must call to schedule your appeal hearing. Appeal hearings will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 27, 1998 in a conference room in City Hall. You will be provided with a total of fifteen minutes for your presentation. Although there is no limit to the number of representatives from your organization that may attend, one person must be designated to make the presentation for your organization.

The administrative appeals panel will be made up of City department directors involved in the CDBG process. The determinations of the appeals panel will be incorporated into the administration's final recommendations submitted to City Council for final action at one of their regularly scheduled meetings (date to be announced). While City Council will make the final decision, they have advised the Administration that they will not entertain new information from applicants.

If you need any further information about the CDBG program or about the status of your application, please contact me at (609) 989-3604.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Strauss". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Diane Strauss
Principal Planner/CDBG Coordinator

I. D. City of Trenton, CDBG

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey had submitted a proposal to the City of Trenton, CDBG program to receive financial support for the Trenton Center , and

WHEREAS, said support will facilitate and match DCA support , and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has responded by approving the amount of \$3,433 to support the center in Trenton, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby accepts this contribution and directs the Executive Director to respond with an acceptance letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Approved this 24th day of February, 1998, in Newark, New Jersey.

For the Board of Directors

Noemi Velázquez, Chairperson

Anibal Ramos, Secretary



SHARPE JAMES
MAYOR
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
07102

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January 28, 1998

Mr. William Colon
Executive Director
ASPIRA, Inc., of
New Jersey
390 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Colon:

Thank you for your recent letter and proposal which describe ASPIRA's plans to create a space for a day care center. My administration recognizes the importance of child care to Newark families through its direct support of some two dozen centers throughout the city.

After reviewing your proposal from the perspective of federal regulations, urgency of the need, and availability of funds, I have determined that it meets our criteria for immediate action.

I have, therefore, instructed Mr. Dan Schulgasser, Coordinator of Federal and State Aid, to initiate the process of identifying \$75,000 in our HUD budget and amending our Consolidated Plan. If you have any questions about this process, which can take up to ten weeks, please contact Mr. Schulgasser at 733-8410.

Please keep me advised as to your progress with this project. In the meantime, I wish you every success in your most worthwhile effort to increase day care services to our community.

Sincerely,



Sharpe James

Mayor

II. City of Newark, Child Care Center

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey had submitted a proposal to the City of Newark, CDBG program to receive financial support for the proposed Child Care Center , and

WHEREAS, said support is needed to undertake the renovation of the first floor for the child care center , and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark, through the offices of Mayor Sharpe James has responded by approving the amount of \$75,000 to support the renovation work, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby accepts this contribution and directs the Executive Director to respond with an acceptance letter on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Approved this 24th day of February, 1998, in Newark, New Jersey.

For the Board of Directors

Noemí Velázquez, Chairperson

Anibal Ramos, Secretary